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Pamela and Mrs. Macleod and thoroughly enjoyed myself. The Gladwyns, and Osbert Lancaster came in after dinner. Lancaster had recently been on a trip up the Nile, in the course of which his boat had often been alongside that on which the Robert Blisses were travelling. He had found this couple, who are in their eighties, as everyone does, extraordinary. He said on at least one occasion they [redacted] climbed what had appeared to be a sheer rock cliff in order to look at antiquities.

May 4, 1961 - Thursday

The Austrian Ambassador called on me this morning, [redacted] having politely insisted he would not heed the injunction not to return my recent visit.

Robert MacFadden, representative of the First National City Bank of New York, came to see me. We have many mutual friends. The High Commissioner of New Zealand, Thomas Lachlan Macdonald, who has been here about as long as myself, came in. He was born in 1898, and has been engaged in farming and politics. He served in World Wars I and II and was invalided home with rank of Captain.

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He entered politics in 1938, and was a member of Parliament from 1938 until his retirement in 1957. He served as head of several Ministries before becoming Minister of External Affairs and Minister of Island Territories in 1954. As minister of External Affairs he attended a number of international conferences.

It is believed he would not have given up retirement to accept the London post if he had not a married daughter living near London. I found him, as I have many of New Zealanders whose bent was for farming, a sympathetic character.

I lunched at the Bank of England sitting between Lord Cobbold and his successor whom I had known in Washington, Lord Cromer. The other guests were:

Sir Bernard Waley-Cohen, The Rt. Hon the Lord Mayor,
Sir Oliver Franks, Chairman, Committee of London Clearing Banks
Mr. A. W. Tuke, Chairman, Barclays Bank,
Lord Sanden, A director, Coutts & Co.,
Lt. Col. T. M. Brooks, Chairman, District Bank,
Sir Francis Glyn, Chairman, Glyn, Mills & Co.,
Sir Harold Bibby, Chairman, Martins Bank,
Lord Monckton, Chairman, Midland Bank,
Lord Longford, Chairman, National Bank,
Mr. D. J. Robarts, Chairman, National Provincial Bank,
Lord Aldenham, Chairman, Westminster Bank,
Sir Eric Carpenter, Chairman, Williams Deacon's Bank,
Sir Charles Hambro, Deputy Chairman, Hambros Bank,
Sir John Hanbury-Williams, Chairman, Courtaulds,
Lord Kindersley, Chairman, Lazard Bros.,
Sir George Bolton, Chairman, Bank of London and S.A.,
Mr. G.C.R. Eley, Chairman, Richard Thomas and Baldwins,
Sir George Abell, Executive Director,
Lord Bicester, A Managing Director, Morgan Grenfell & Co.,
Mr. W. J. Keswick, Chairman, Matheson & Co.,
Sir Harry Pilkington, Chairman, Pilkington Bros.,
Sir Otto Niemeyer, Former Executive Director,
Mr. K. L. O'Brien, Chief Cashier,
Mr. W. M. Allen, Adviser to the Governors.

Of them, I had known a few in the past, including Oliver Franks, Francis Glyn, W. Monckton, Charles Hambro, John Hanbury-Williams, Lord Kindersley and Tony Keswick. The silver on the long dining table